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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: L. Pham
ISAO KOBAYASHI, ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 2823
Application No.: Unassigned)
(Divisional of Appln. :
No. 09/185,717 filed)
November 4, 1998) :
):
Filed: Concurrently Herewith :
):
For: PHOTOELECTRIC CONVERTER, :
METHOD FOR DRIVING)
PHOTOELECTRIC CONVERTER :
AND SYSTEM HAVING)
PHOTOELECTRIC CONVERTER : April 25, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, immediately after the title, insert --This
application is a division of Application No. 09/185,717 filed
November 4, 1998.--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 4-6 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

REMARKS AND CLAIM TO PRIORITY

This is a divisional application of Application No. 09/185,717 filed November 4, 1998 (the "'717 Application").

Claims 1-3, 7, and 8 are pending, having been restricted out of the '717 application. Claims 1 and 8 are independent claims.

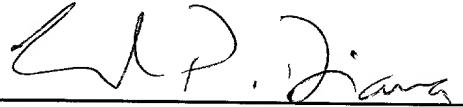
The specification has been amended to include reference to the '717 Application.

A Submission Of Corrected Drawings is submitted herewith, proposing the same changes as were proposed and approved in the '717 Application.

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon Japanese Priority Applications Nos. 9-301673, filed November 4, 1997, and respectfully request acknowledgment of this claim and of receipt of the certified copy of the priority document, which was filed January 27, 1999, in the '717 Application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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SUBMISSION OF CORRECTED DRAWINGS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are two (2) sheets of corrected formal drawings to be substituted for the corresponding drawings presently on file in the above-identified parent application.

These drawings contain the changes to Figs. 1-5 required in the Examiner's Amendment mailed January 11, 2001,

and enclosed with the Notice of Allowability mailed January 11, 2001 in the parent case.

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FIG. 1
PRIOR ART

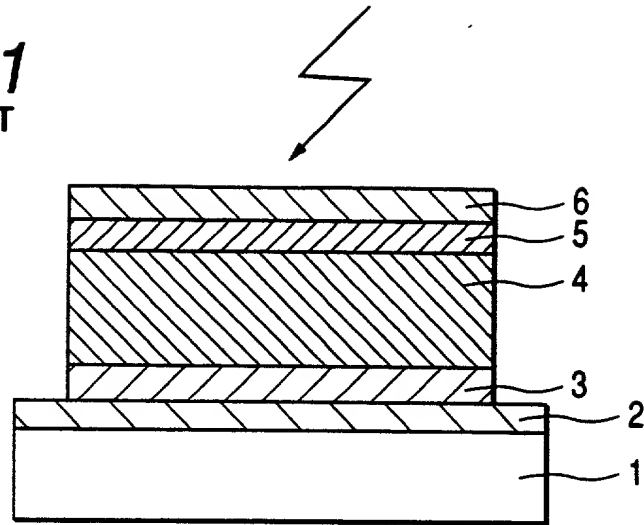


FIG. 2
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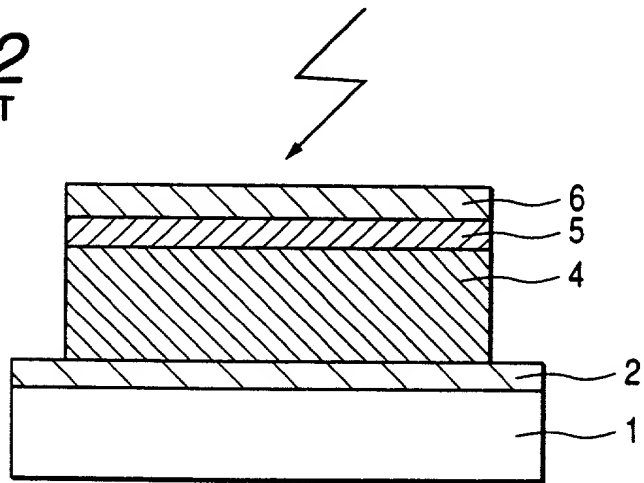


FIG. 3
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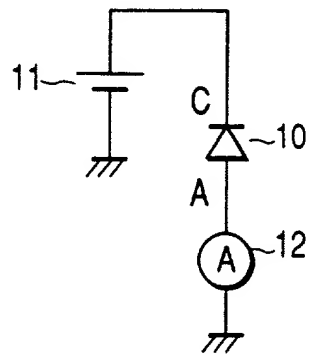


FIG. 4
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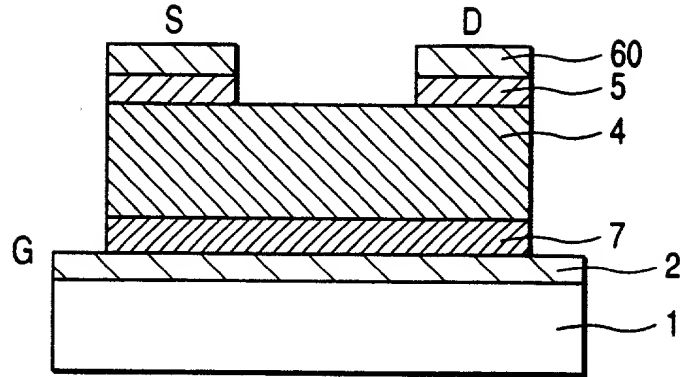


FIG. 5
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